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DEPENDENCY OF GAIN FLATNESS OF AN OPTICAL AMPLIFIER AND OPTICAL
TRANSMISSION PATH INCLUDING OPTICAL AMPLIFIER

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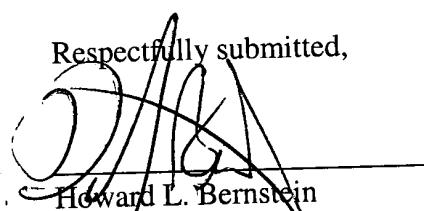
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